

GREETINGS TO EVERYONE ON THE MOORLANDS ESTATE FROM MOORLAND RESIDENT ASSOCIATION



Hello fellow residents. Welcome to MRA's 6th newsletter, the first for the New Year and a new decade! Here's an update on what has been happening on the Moorlands Estate.

A Residents Meeting is will be held on 6th February 2020 at 7pm – 9pm. At this meeting residents on the Moorlands will have the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have about their community.

MEET AND GREET

MRA - Moorlands Residents Association - are committed to making ourselves known to our fellow residents. We are looking forward to seeing you at the residents meeting which will on 6th February 2020.

SUMMER EVENTS

The take up rate for the summer events in 2019 was not as high as we had hoped. Some of the feedback pointed to the age group that the events were targeted at. We will be working with Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH) to better understand the age range of people on the estate who would most benefit from an activities programme.

PLANNED WORKS

Gas - The meters are in the process of being connected directly to properties (some are already completed). Information about the switchover date will be communicated to individual residents by MTVH later this year. Residents should not see any changes to how they pay for gas until after the switchover date.

MOORLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

MTVH are looking into having the community centre staffed for weekend functions to reduce issues with parking and disposal of rubbish. We will keep you updated as this progresses.

REPAIRS

MRA highlighted issues with the incorrect tradesmen being sent to carry out works. If you are experiencing this issue, please pop into the community centre (ideally with the Job reference number) to inform MTVH.

PEST CONTROL

There is a programme in place whereby bait boxes are checked twice during the month. Please remember that bait boxes only work if pests do not have any other food sources. Please DO NOT leave food on the streets, and while the rodent problem persists, please avoid putting food out for birds or other wildlife. Recycling items needs to be rinsed of any food and placed in the green recycling bins provided. Please also note the green bins are not to be used for garden waste.

ESTATE LIGHTING

MRA did a walkabout around the Estate to check for any faulty lighting, and details of 21 lights in need of repair were passed to MTVH. Prior to the 6th December, all but 2 of the lights had been repaired. There are 6 additional non-functioning lights across the estate totalling 8 requiring repair. MTVH indicated that with an estate of this size, there will always be lights out across the estate. MRA will continue to report any non-functioning lights to MTVH. If lights are out near you, you can help us by letting us know.

MRA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The MRA Christmas party was held on 15th December. There was lots of food and drink and the music was pumping. A good time was had by all who attended. We intend to hold more social events like this so that we can all get to know each other better and improve our sense of community on Moorlands.

FLY TIPPING

Flying tipping continues to be an issue on the estate. MTVH have told us that they have a contractor who provides a weekly bulk collection. This is not a free service and is being paid for through our service charge. Residents should note, if you need to dispose of bulk waste (e.g. mattress, sofa etc) that this should be done by contacting Lambeth Bulk Collections. This is a fee-based service offered by Lambeth and is one of the only ways to dispose of bulk items. The other alternative is to pay a fee to have goods removed when purchasing new items (this can sometimes be free).

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our chair attended the safer neighbourhood meeting at Brixton police station to express the concerns of crime and anti-social behaviour on Moorlands. Firstly, it was clear the officers have limited resources and cover the whole of the Coldharbour ward which is a vast area. With this being said they were aware of quite a few incidents in and around Moorlands. These issues are being tackled; however, this is sometimes a lengthy process especially if it is a serious crime. In these instances, officers and partners try to secure evictions and banning orders. They are also working with MTVH and Lambeth to improve lighting and CCTV monitoring which would aid in crime reduction. In order to aid further crime prevention it was advised for residents to report crime either on-line or by calling the emergency number so they can better target hotspots. The PCO team wish to hold workshops on the Moorlands to meet the community and better engage with residents which the MRA are trying to arrange so watch for future updates.

MTVH CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Members of MRA were invited to attend a party hosted by MTVH in London in order to meet other resident groups from estates both in London and further afield. We made some interesting and positive connections, which we hope will lead to a greater sense of connection to a wider community of MTVH residents across the U.K.

ADVICE CORNER

As you will probably know, here on Moorlands, we have had many problems with drains and sewers becoming blocked. We all have to do our bit to help this situation, in particular by never putting oils, fats, and wet wipes down the drains or toilets. Oils and fats can be poured into a jar, which - when full - can be wrapped in newspaper and put into the grey bin outside your home. Wet wipes should be placed in the bin EVEN if they are marked 'flushable', because unfortunately they are often not able to break down in the short time it takes to flush the toilet, and once they come into contact with fats, a blockage is likely to be the result.

MRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MRA AGM will be held on 25th March 2020 at the Moorlands Community Centre starting at 7pm – 9pm.